

Table F-5. Median salary of full-time employed 1995 and 1996 bachelor's degree recipients, by broad sector of employment and major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-95 S&E bachelor's degree	Total	Broad sector of employment		
		Private industry and business ¹	Educational institution	Government
All science and engineering fields.....	\$27,500	\$30,000	\$22,000	\$25,000
Major type				
Total science.....	25,000	26,000	22,000	24,700
Total engineering.....	38,000	39,000	31,000	32,000
Major field				
Computer and information sciences.....	38,000	38,000	S	31,500
Life and related sciences, total.....	23,500	24,700	21,000	23,000
Agricultural and food sciences.....	23,500	25,000	S	S
Biological sciences.....	23,000	24,000	21,000	24,000
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	25,000	25,000	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	28,000	32,800	25,000	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	27,000	27,600	25,000	27,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	27,000	27,000	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	25,000	25,000	25,000	27,000
Physics and astronomy.....	31,200	35,000	26,500	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	22,000	22,000	22,000	24,500
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,000	26,000	22,000	24,000
Economics.....	30,000	30,000	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	26,000	27,000	23,200	25,000
Sociology and anthropology.....	21,500	22,500	18,500	22,000
Other social sciences.....	25,000	25,000	25,000	23,000
Engineering, total.....	38,000	39,000	31,000	32,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	35,500	37,500	S	27,000
Chemical engineering.....	42,000	42,000	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	32,000	33,000	S	31,000
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	40,000	41,000	S	35,000
Industrial engineering.....	37,000	38,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	39,000	39,000	S	30,000
Other engineering.....	35,700	37,000	S	28,000

¹Nonprofit (excluding educational institutions) are included with private industry and business.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTE: Salary data for the following groups are not included in the table: self-employed persons, full-time students, and people whose principal job was less than 35 hours per week. Salary data are for principal job only. Data on American Indians/Alaskan Natives are included in the total but are not shown separately.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997